(ii) Shri Kender Singh, Constable.

(iii) Shri Pardeep Kumar Gujjar, Constable.

(c) and (d) As per available information, a Court of Inquiry was ordered by the CRPF to inquire into the circumstances in which the incident took place. The Inquiry has been completed and the proceedings are under scrutiny with CRPF. However, pending completion of the inquiry and departmental proceedings, one DIG and one Addl. DIG of CRPF posted at Rampur have been placed under suspension.

Creation of special tourist protection force

702. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government is taking to check the increasing crime at the tourist centres, particularly against foreign tourist;

(b) the State-wise details of such crimes in the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to create a special tourist protection force for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subject as the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, the prevention of crime, including crimes against tourists, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories.

(b) Separate data regarding crime at tourist centres is not maintained.

(c) Following reports, from time to time, regarding alleged harassment and misbehaviour with tourists, the Ministry of Tourism held discussions on the issues of safety and security of tourists, amongst other issues, with the Secretaries of Tourism of State/Union Territories, in which the Ministry of Home Affairs was also involved.

During this meeting, it was emphasized that ensuring the safety and security of tourists is of paramount importance and State Governments/Union Territories must ensure the same, and various possible institutional measures to supplement existing policing arrangements were also discussed. The State Governments have been urged to take further action in the light of the discussions. The Central Government will continue to interact and pursue the matter with the State Governments.

Low police-people ratio in comparison to developed countries

703. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the police and people ratio is much less in the country in comparison with various other developing and developed countries in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No information as to the police and population ratio of other countries is being compiled by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D). However, as per the report prepared by UN Division for Policy Analysis and